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Applicants: Yoshigahara et al.  
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METHOD  
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Examiner: Paul W. Myers  
Docket No.: 0113184-017

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, Applicants herein amend the above-identified application and respond as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.